(c) the steps taken to expedite the completion of the projects and their target dates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) As on 30th June 2007, out of 890 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above, 267 projects are running behind schedule with respect to the latest approved schedule. There are 254 projects with no specific dates of commissioning. In case of 107 projects, the expenditure has exceeded the latest approved cost.

(b) The reasons behind the projects running behind schedule include funds constraints, delay in land acquisition, delay in supply of equipment, law and order problems, geological surprises during implementation, change in scope and under estimation of costs. In a large number of projects without date of commissioning, the project authorities are unable to fix a date of commissioning due to inadequate funding. Time and cost overruns take place as a result of thin spread of resources among a large number of projects.

(c) The steps taken to minimize time and cost overruns and expedite the completion of projects are:

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project before investment approval.

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues, forest clearances, infrastructure facilities, ensuring law and order at project sites, etc.

(v) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns; and

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project co-terminous with the project schedule.

DDA's Rohini Scheme of 1981

515. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is considering cancellation of pending application of Rohini Scheme of 1981;

(b) if so, whether it would not construe a slur on the credibility of a Government agency for not providing plots even after 26 years to those including SC/ST, retiring and retired persons pinning their hopes to get plots for their residence;

(c) the details of other residential scheme within Rohini area started after 1981 and completed till now;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted for mismanagement of the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that in Rohini, apart from allotment of alternative plots to the farmers, whose land has been acquired, the allotment of DDA flats under different housing schemes, disposal of the residential plots through open auction and allotment of land to Group Housing Societies were undertaken. A HIG Housing Scheme was also implemented in Rohini by DDA in 2003.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

AP Cities under JNNURM and UIDSSMT

516. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities that have been covered under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of cities that have been covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received to include some of the cities in JNNURM, not under UIDSSMT;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action that has been contemplated by this Ministry on such request; and

(f) the amount that has been earmarked for two Sub-Missions under JNNURM for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Cities namely Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Vijaywada are covered under the Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in the State of Andhra Pradesh and remaining cities/towns as per census 2001, are covered under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Minister of Labour and Employment, Government of India Shri K. Chandra Sekhar Rao, have submitted the proposal for inclusion of Warangal and Tirupati cities under JNNURM. Decision to keep number of cities covered under the JNNURM around 60 was taken with the approval of Government.

(f) An indicative allocation of Rs. 18718.45 crore for UIG, Rs. 868.46 crore for Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP), Rs. 490.31 UIDSSMT and Rs. 579.71 for Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) have been made under JNNURM for the State of Andhra Pradesh for the Mission period 2005—2012.

National Urbanisation Policy

517. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has initiated moves to formulate the National Urbanisation Policy that would act as a blueprint for comprehensive and regualated development of urban areas in the country;